

Senate Bill 126

Sponsored by Senator RILEY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Authorizes juvenile offender subject to mandatory minimum sentence to be eligible for conditional release after serving at least one-half of sentence imposed.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to juvenile offender sentencing; amending ORS 137.707 and 420A.203; and providing for
3 criminal sentence reduction that requires approval by a two-thirds majority.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 420A.203 is amended to read:

6 420A.203. (1)(a) This section and ORS 420A.206 apply only to persons who were under 18 years
7 of age at the time of the commission of the offense for which the persons were sentenced to a term
8 of imprisonment, who committed the offense on or after June 30, 1995, and who were:

9 (A) Sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least 24 months following waiver under ORS
10 419C.349, 419C.352, 419C.364 or 419C.370; or

11 (B) Sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least 24 months under ORS 137.707 [(5)(b)(A) or
12 (7)(b)].

13 (b) When a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection has served one-half of the sen-
14 tence imposed, the sentencing court shall determine what further commitment or disposition is ap-
15 propriate as provided in this section. As used in this subsection and subsection (2) of this section,
16 "sentence imposed" means the total period of mandatory incarceration imposed for all convictions
17 resulting from a single prosecution or criminal proceeding not including any reduction in the sen-
18 tence under ORS 421.121 or any other statute.

19 (2)(a) No more than 120 days and not less than 60 days before the date on which a person has
20 served one-half of the sentence imposed, the Oregon Youth Authority or the Department of Cor-
21 rections, whichever has physical custody of the person, shall file in the sentencing court a notice
22 and request that the court set a time and place for the hearing required under this section. The
23 youth authority or department shall serve the person with a copy of the notice and request for
24 hearing on or before the date of filing.

25 (b) Upon receiving the notice and request for a hearing under paragraph (a) of this subsection,
26 the sentencing court shall schedule a hearing for a date not more than 30 days after the date on
27 which the person will have served one-half of the sentence imposed or such later date as is agreed
28 upon by the parties.

29 (c) The court shall notify the following of the time and place of the hearing:

30 (A) The person and, **if the person is under 18 years of age**, the person's parents;

31 (B) The records supervisor of the correctional institution in which the person is incarcerated;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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2 (C) The district attorney who prosecuted the case.

3 (d) The court shall make reasonable efforts to notify the following of the time and place of the
4 hearing:

5 (A) The victim and, **if the victim is under 18 years of age**, the victim's parents or legal
6 guardian; and

7 (B) Any other person who has filed a written request with the court to be notified of any hear-
8 ing concerning the transfer, discharge or release of the person.

9 (3) In a hearing under this section:

10 (a) The person and the state are parties to the proceeding.

11 (b) The person has the right to appear with counsel. If the person requests that the court ap-
12 point counsel and the court determines that the person is financially eligible for appointed counsel
13 at state expense, the court shall order that counsel be appointed.

14 (c) The district attorney represents the state.

15 (d) The court shall determine admissibility of evidence as if the hearing were a sentencing pro-
16 ceeding.

17 (e) The court may consider, when relevant, written reports of the Oregon Youth Authority, the
18 Department of Corrections and qualified experts, in addition to the testimony of witnesses. Within
19 a reasonable time before the hearing, as determined by the court, the person must be given the op-
20 portunity to examine all reports and other documents concerning the person that the state, the
21 Oregon Youth Authority or the Department of Corrections intends to submit for consideration by
22 the court at the hearing.

23 (f) Except as otherwise provided by law or by order of the court based on good cause, the person
24 must be given access to the records maintained in the person's case by the Oregon Youth Authority
25 and the Department of Corrections.

26 (g) The person may examine all of the witnesses called by the state, may subpoena and call
27 witnesses to testify on the person's behalf and may present evidence and argument. The court may
28 permit witnesses to appear by telephone or other two-way electronic communication device.

29 (h) The hearing must be recorded.

30 (i) The hearing and the record of the hearing are open to the public.

31 (j) The question to be decided is which of the dispositions provided in subsection (4) of this
32 section should be ordered in the case.

33 (k) The person has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the person has
34 been rehabilitated and reformed, and if conditionally released, the person would not be a threat to
35 the safety of the victim, the victim's family or the community and that the person would comply with
36 the release conditions.

37 (4)(a) At the conclusion of the hearing and after considering and making findings regarding each
38 of the factors in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the court shall order one of the following dispo-
39 sitions:

40 (A) Order that the person serve the entire remainder of the sentence of imprisonment imposed,
41 taking into account any reduction in the sentence under ORS 421.121 or any other statute, with the
42 person's physical custody determined under ORS 137.124, 420.011 and 420A.200.

43 (B) Order that the person be conditionally released under ORS 420A.206 at such time as the
44 court may order, if the court finds that the person:

45 (i) Has been rehabilitated and reformed;

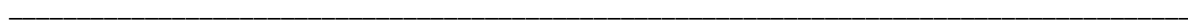
- 1 (ii) Is not a threat to the safety of the victim, the victim’s family or the community; and
- 2 (iii) Will comply with the conditions of release.
- 3 (b) In making the determination under this section, the court shall consider:
- 4 (A) The experiences and character of the person before and after commitment to the Oregon
- 5 Youth Authority or the Department of Corrections;
- 6 (B) The person’s juvenile and criminal records;
- 7 (C) The person’s mental, emotional and physical health;
- 8 (D) The gravity of the loss, damage or injury caused or attempted, during or as part of the
- 9 criminal act for which the person was convicted and sentenced;
- 10 (E) The manner in which the person committed the criminal act for which the person was con-
- 11 victed and sentenced;
- 12 (F) The person’s efforts, participation and progress in rehabilitation programs since the person’s
- 13 conviction;
- 14 (G) The results of any mental health or substance abuse treatment;
- 15 (H) Whether the person demonstrates accountability and responsibility for past and future con-
- 16 duct;
- 17 (I) Whether the person has made and will continue to make restitution to the victim and the
- 18 community;
- 19 (J) Whether the person will comply with and benefit from all conditions that will be imposed if
- 20 the person is conditionally released;
- 21 (K) The safety of the victim, the victim’s family and the community;
- 22 (L) The recommendations of the district attorney, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Depart-
- 23 ment of Corrections; and
- 24 (M) Any other relevant factors or circumstances raised by the state, the Oregon Youth Au-
- 25 thority, the Department of Corrections or the person.
- 26 (5) The court shall provide copies of its disposition order under subsection (4) of this section to
- 27 the parties, to the records supervisor of the correctional institution in which the person is
- 28 incarcerated and to the manager of the institution-based records office of the Department of Cor-
- 29 rections.
- 30 (6) The person or the state may appeal an order entered under this section. On appeal, the ap-
- 31 pellate court’s review is limited to claims that:
- 32 (a) The disposition is not authorized under this section;
- 33 (b) The court failed to comply with the requirements of this section in imposing the disposition;
- 34 or
- 35 (c) The findings of the court are not supported by substantial evidence in the record.
- 36 **SECTION 2.** ORS 137.707 is amended to read:
- 37 137.707. (1)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when a person charged with aggra-
- 38 vated murder, as defined in ORS 163.095, or an offense listed in subsection (4)(a) of this section is
- 39 15, 16 or 17 years of age at the time the offense is committed, and the offense is committed on or
- 40 after April 1, 1995, or when a person charged with an offense listed in subsection (4)(b) of this sec-
- 41 tion is 15, 16 or 17 years of age at the time the offense is committed, and the offense is committed
- 42 on or after October 4, 1997, or when a person charged with the offense described in subsection (4)(c)
- 43 of this section is 15, 16 or 17 years of age at the time the offense is committed and the offense is
- 44 committed on or after January 1, 2008, the person shall be prosecuted as an adult in criminal court.
- 45 (b) A district attorney, the Attorney General or a juvenile department counselor may not file in

1 juvenile court a petition alleging that a person has committed an act that, if committed by an adult,
 2 would constitute aggravated murder or an offense listed in subsection (4) of this section if the person
 3 was 15, 16 or 17 years of age at the time the act was committed.

4 (2) When a person charged under this section is convicted of an offense listed in subsection (4)
 5 of this section, the court shall impose at least the presumptive term of imprisonment provided for
 6 the offense in subsection (4) of this section. The court may impose a greater presumptive term if
 7 otherwise permitted by law, but may not impose a lesser term. The person is not, during the service
 8 of the term of imprisonment, eligible for release on post-prison supervision or any form of temporary
 9 leave from custody. **Except as provided in ORS 420A.203**, the person is not eligible for any re-
 10 duction in[, or based on,] the minimum sentence for any reason under ORS 421.121 or any other
 11 provision of law. ORS 138.012, 163.105 and 163.150 apply to sentencing a person prosecuted under
 12 this section and convicted of aggravated murder under ORS 163.095 except that a person who was
 13 under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed is not subject to a sentence of death.

14 (3) The court shall commit the person to the legal and physical custody of the Department of
 15 Corrections.

16 (4) The offenses to which this section applies and the presumptive sentences are:



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- 19 (a)(A) Murder, as defined in
- 20 ORS 163.115.....300 months
- 21 (B) Attempt or conspiracy
- 22 to commit aggravated
- 23 murder, as defined
- 24 in ORS 163.095.....120 months
- 25 (C) Attempt or conspiracy
- 26 to commit murder, as
- 27 defined in ORS 163.115.90 months
- 28 (D) Manslaughter in the
- 29 first degree, as defined
- 30 in ORS 163.118.....120 months
- 31 (E) Manslaughter in the
- 32 second degree, as defined
- 33 in ORS 163.125.....75 months
- 34 (F) Assault in the first
- 35 degree, as defined
- 36 in ORS 163.185.....90 months
- 37 (G) Assault in the second
- 38 degree, as defined
- 39 in ORS 163.175.....70 months
- 40 (H) Kidnapping in the first
- 41 degree, as defined in
- 42 ORS 163.235.....90 months
- 43 (I) Kidnapping in the second
- 44 degree, as defined in
- 45 ORS 163.225.....70 months

- 1 (J) Rape in the first degree,
- 2 as defined in ORS 163.375....100 months
- 3 (K) Rape in the second
- 4 degree, as defined in
- 5 ORS 163.365.....75 months
- 6 (L) Sodomy in the first
- 7 degree, as defined in
- 8 ORS 163.405.....100 months
- 9 (M) Sodomy in the second
- 10 degree, as defined in
- 11 ORS 163.395.....75 months
- 12 (N) Unlawful sexual
- 13 penetration in the first
- 14 degree, as defined
- 15 in ORS 163.411.....100 months
- 16 (O) Unlawful sexual
- 17 penetration in the
- 18 second degree, as
- 19 defined in ORS 163.408.75 months
- 20 (P) Sexual abuse in the first
- 21 degree, as defined in
- 22 ORS 163.427.....75 months
- 23 (Q) Robbery in the first
- 24 degree, as defined in
- 25 ORS 164.415.....90 months
- 26 (R) Robbery in the second
- 27 degree, as defined in
- 28 ORS 164.405.....70 months
- 29 (b)(A) Arson in the first degree,
- 30 as defined in
- 31 ORS 164.325, when
- 32 the offense represented
- 33 a threat of serious
- 34 physical injury.90 months
- 35 (B) Using a child in a display
- 36 of sexually explicit
- 37 conduct, as defined in
- 38 ORS 163.670.....70 months
- 39 (C) Compelling prostitution,
- 40 as defined in ORS 167.017
- 41 (1)(a), (b) or (d).....70 months
- 42 (c) Aggravated vehicular
- 43 homicide, as defined in
- 44 ORS 163.149.....240 months
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2 (5) If a person charged with an offense under this section is found guilty of a lesser included
3 offense and the lesser included offense is:

4 (a) An offense listed in subsection (4) of this section, the court shall sentence the person as
5 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

6 (b) Not an offense listed in subsection (4) of this section:

7 (A) But constitutes an offense for which waiver is authorized under ORS 419C.349, the court,
8 upon motion of the district attorney, shall hold a hearing to determine whether to retain jurisdiction
9 or to transfer the case to juvenile court for disposition. In determining whether to retain jurisdic-
10 tion, the court shall consider the criteria for waiver in ORS 419C.349. If the court retains jurisdic-
11 tion, the court shall sentence the person as an adult under sentencing guidelines. If the court does
12 not retain jurisdiction, the court shall:

13 (i) Order that a presentence report be prepared;

14 (ii) Set forth in a memorandum any observations and recommendations that the court deems
15 appropriate; and

16 (iii) Enter an order transferring the case to the juvenile court for disposition under ORS
17 419C.067 and 419C.411.

18 (B) And is not an offense for which waiver is authorized under ORS 419C.349, the court may not
19 sentence the person. The court shall:

20 (i) Order that a presentence report be prepared;

21 (ii) Set forth in a memorandum any observations and recommendations that the court deems
22 appropriate; and

23 (iii) Enter an order transferring the case to the juvenile court for disposition under ORS
24 419C.067 and 419C.411.

25 (6) When a person is charged under this section, other offenses based on the same act or
26 transaction shall be charged as separate counts in the same accusatory instrument and consolidated
27 for trial, whether or not the other offenses are aggravated murder or offenses listed in subsection
28 (4) of this section. If it appears, upon motion, that the state or the person charged is prejudiced by
29 the joinder and consolidation of offenses, the court may order an election or separate trials of
30 counts or provide whatever other relief justice requires.

31 (7)(a) If a person charged and tried as provided in subsection (6) of this section is found guilty
32 of aggravated murder or an offense listed in subsection (4) of this section and one or more other
33 offenses, the court shall impose the sentence for aggravated murder or the offense listed in sub-
34 section (4) of this section as provided in subsection (2) of this section and shall impose sentences for
35 the other offenses as otherwise provided by law.

36 (b) If a person charged and tried as provided in subsection (6) of this section is not found guilty
37 of aggravated murder or an offense listed in subsection (4) of this section, but is found guilty of one
38 of the other charges that constitutes an offense for which waiver is authorized under ORS 419C.349,
39 the court, upon motion of the district attorney, shall hold a hearing to determine whether to retain
40 jurisdiction or to transfer the case to juvenile court for disposition. In determining whether to retain
41 jurisdiction, the court shall consider the criteria for waiver in ORS 419C.349. If the court retains
42 jurisdiction, the court shall sentence the person as an adult under sentencing guidelines. If the court
43 does not retain jurisdiction, the court shall:

44 (A) Order that a presentence report be prepared;

45 (B) Set forth in a memorandum any observations and recommendations that the court deems

1 appropriate; and

2 (C) Enter an order transferring the case to the juvenile court for disposition under ORS
3 419C.067 and 419C.411.

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